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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected. By this Response, claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 14, 16, and 18 have been amended and claims 3, 10, 12, 19, and 20 have been cancelled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, and 13-18 will remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, and 13-18 are respectively requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8, 14, and 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. By this response, claims 1, 14, 16, and 18 have been amended in light of the Examiner's comments. It is believed that the amendments to claims 1, 14, 16, and 18 render moot the rejection of claims 1-8, 14, and 16-20 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hewitt, U.S. Patent No. 3,997,114. Claims 1, 9, and 18 are independent claims. As noted above, claims 1, 2, 4, 9, and 18 have been amended and claims 3, 10, 12, and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 depend from amended independent claim 1 and claim 11 depends from amended independent claim 9.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 18 are not anticipated because the Hewitt reference does not disclose all of the recited features of the claims. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegual Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

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For example, some of the recited features of amended independent claim 1 that are not disclosed by the Hewitt reference are "a first pump operable to produce a flow of a first liquid" and "a second pump operable to produce a flow of second fluid from the storage tank." The Hewitt reference discloses a pump 14 that is operable to pump water from a water storage tank 64. In addition, the Hewitt reference discloses an air compressor 13, not a pump, operable to pressurize a cleaning chemical fluid tank 16 to produce a flow of chemicals therefrom. *See Hewitt*, col. 5, line 53-col. 6, line 19. However, an air compressor is not a pump. Therefore, the Hewitt reference does not disclose all of the recited features of amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by the Hewitt reference. Claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 depend from independent claim 1 and, therefore, are also not anticipated by the Hewitt reference.

Similarly, the Hewitt does not disclose: "A kit for modifying a pressure washing system having a first pump operable to pump water to a pressure washer wand, the kit comprising: a second pump operable to pump fluid from the storage tank," as recited in amended independent claim 9. As noted above, the Hewitt reference discloses a pump 14 for pumping water and a compressor 13 operable to pressurize a cleaning chemical fluid tank 16 to produce a flow of chemicals from the tank 16. However, a compressor is not a pump. Furthermore, an engine 12 is provided to drive a belt 45 that powers both the compressor 13 and the pump 14. *See Hewitt*, col. 3, lines 15-20. Thus, the compressor 13 is clearly not meant to a modification made to an existing pressure washing system. Therefore, the Hewitt reference does not disclose all of the recited features of amended independent claim 9.

Accordingly, independent claim 9 is not anticipated by the Hewitt reference. Claim 11 depends from independent claim 9 and, therefore, is also not anticipated by the Hewitt reference.

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Finally, the Hewitt reference also does not disclose: "A method of manufacturing a pressure washing system, comprising: coupling an inlet of a second pump in fluid communication with a liquid storage tank to enable the second pump to pump fluid from the liquid storage tank," as recited in amended independent claim 18. As discussed above, the Hewitt reference discloses using a compressor 13, rather than a pump, for producing a flow of chemicals from a cleaning chemical storage tank 16. Therefore, the Hewitt reference does not disclose all of the recited features of amended independent claim 18. Accordingly, independent claim 18 is not anticipated by the Hewitt reference.

For at least these reasons, claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, and 18 are allowable over the Hewitt reference. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 6, 13-17, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hewitt, U.S. Patent No. 3,997,114. Claims 5 and 6 depend from amended independent claim 1, claims 13-17 depend from amended independent claim 9, and claim 20 has been cancelled.

For the reasons provided above, independent claims 1 and 9 are allowable over the Hewitt reference. As claims 5, 6, and 13-17 depend from claims 1 and 9, these claims are also allowable over the Hewitt reference. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Conclusion


In view of the above remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a

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telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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